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**In the United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Application No: 09/336,990  
Filing Date: 06/21/1999  
Applicant: Jia Xu  
Title: A Method of Scheduling Executions  
of Processes With Various Types of  
Timing Properties and Constraints  
Art Unit: 2156  
Examiner: Kenneth Tang

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At: Toronto, Canada

**Amendment ~~D~~**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003, I have previously mailed a reply containing Amendment D on March 9, 2004, and I have also sent by fax transmission a second supplemental reply containing Amendment E on March 10, 2004.

Please amend the above application further as follows:

**Claims:** Please cancel claim 120, and claim 158. Please add the new claims 161, and 162 as follows: